(e) if so, the value of imports since 1983-84 to 1985-86, year-wise; and

(f) what are the main reasons for the increase in imports ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE (SHRI P. R. DAS MUNSHI) : (a)The export of drugs and drugs intermediates comprises of bulk material, tablets, capsules, liquids, injectables ointments etc., in various unit packs and, therefore, exports are estimated only in value. The estimated value of exports during the last three years is as follows :

Year	Experts (Rs. crores) in terms of F.O.B.
1983-84	81.80
1984-85	128.75
1985-86	139.95

(b) and (c) A statement is attached (*See* below) :

(d) Yes, Sir.

(e) Total imports of bulk drugs and intermediates, including chemicals and solvents, during the last three years, to the extent available are given below :

Year	(Rs. in crores) c.i.f. value of import
1983-84	158.73
1984-85	204.42
1985-86	250.03

(f) Increase in import is attributable to the rising demand.

Statement

The value of export of castor oil gaur, gum, Psyllium, Senna, Vinca Rosea, Cinchona and opium during the last three years and the percentage increase/decrease each year are given below :—

(Rs./crores in terms of f.o.b.)

Sl. No.	Name of the item	1983-84	1984-85	Percenage increase/ decrease	1985-86	Percentage increase/ decrease
1	Castor oil medicinal	80·00	88·73	+10·90	54·41	—38·70
2	Psyllium	17·34	42·97	+14·60	34·70	—19·20
3	Senna	1·33	1·45	+9·00	2·65	+82·00
4	Vinca Rosea	0·32	0·34	+6·25	0·46	+35·30
5	Opium	21·09	30·60	+45·00	23·75	—22·38
6	Gaur Gum	16·04	35·97	+124·25	32·63	—9·28

Cinchona, as such, is not permissible for export.

Theft of RBI Currency Chests

2732. SHRI V. GOPALSAMY :
SHRI K. GOPALAN :

Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state :

(a) whether any RBI currency chests were stolen recently while being transported from Nagpur to Itarsi; and

(b) if so, what are the details in this regard ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI JANARDHAN POOJARI) : (a) and (b) Reserve Bank of India has reported that 3 boxes containing Rs. 6,01,500/- in currency notes and coins were stolen from a remittance sent by the 391-Down Nagpur-Itarsi Passanger Train on 21st October, 1986. R.B.I. has further reported that of the stolen amount, Rs. 5,39,393/- has so far been recovered and 6 criminals involved in the case have also reportedly been arrested by the Police.

2733. [*Transferred to the 5th December* 1986].